of women with regard to property; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPNAY AFFAIRS(SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (d). No proposal for undertaking any legislation in this behalf is under the consideration of the Government at present.

Cabinet committee on trade and investment

1448. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government have reconstituted the Cabinet committee on Trade and Investment to strengthen the current export drive;

(b) if so, whether the Committee has formulated a policy on the export-front and has suggested import comprehension measures without affecting exports; and

(c) if so, whether the recommendations made by the investment panel so far have been implemented by the government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) The Committee headed by the Prime Minister and including the Finance Minister, the Minister of Agriculture and the Minister of State for Commerce reviews proposals related to foreign trade and investment from the concerned administrative Ministries.

(c) The decisions of the Committee are implemented.

Software Export to USA

1449. SHRI DHARMANNA MONDAYYA SADUL: SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether software export from India have been restricted by the U.S.A.;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Inflation Rate

1450. SHRI DHARMANNA MONDAYYA SADUL: Will the minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the rate of inflation based on the wholesale price index during the last six months till the end of October, 1991?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): The annual rates of inflation in tirms of wholesale Price Index on a point-to-point basis for the last six months till the end of October, 1991 are given below:

Annual Rate of Inflation in Wholesale Price Index (Base: 1981-82=100)

Month	*Rate of Inflation (%) Last week*
April,1991	11.4